



**TOWN OF MAMMOTH  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
APRIL 18, 2019**

These are the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Mammoth Town Council  
on APRIL 18, 2019 pursuant to the notice required by Law.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – This meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Dietz
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Martinez
3. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT MEMBERS**

Councilwoman Martinez  
Councilwoman Medina  
Councilman Bustamante  
Vice Mayor Anaya (Absent)  
Councilwoman Amparano  
Councilman Martinez (Tardy 7:18)

**PRESENT STAFF**

Attorney S Cooper  
Town Manager D Jones  
Town Recorder S Christiansen  
Police Chief R. Lujan

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Anaya

Vice Mayor Anaya has been excused from this meeting due to medical exclusion  
Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano      Second by: Councilwoman Martinez  
Motion Passed 5-0

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- a. **Frances Amparano**—for Marias Café—Maria would like to place a 4'x4' sign on Highway 77 to advertise the Café—Council instructed them to contact Planning and Zoning to check on the location to avoid ADOT complications and to get permits needed.
- b. **Margaret Dooley**—CAC Foundation speaking about the Promise for the Future Program. April has been designated as “Promise for the Future” Month. This is to celebrate all those students who have earned scholarships and those who have signed the Promise for the Future. This program is offered to students from 8<sup>th</sup> grade through High School who have stay in school and graduate and maintain at least a 2.75 GPA. They will then be eligible to gain a 2 year tuition free scholarship to CAC. This program began in the 1990's when the dropout rate was at about 10%. This was to encourage students to stay in school. Since 2005 we have provided 4570 students scholarships through this program. We are asking for donations of \$25.00 per household in Pinal County, if even ½ of the households donate, this will give us about 1.5 million dollars over the next couple of years to assist with this program. We understand that tonight your Mayor will be signing the proclamation designating April as the Promise for the Future Month here in Mammoth. There is some information brochures here and some donation cards to set out. Thank you.
- c. **Mr. Cooper** has suggested that Item 8 be moved to this area as it is related to the previous speaker: This was approved by Mayor Dietz: Mr. Cooper read the Proclamation (which can be read on the website under Council Minutes) at which time it was approved and signed by Mayor Dietz.
- d. **Ernest Bustamante**—There is an individual film maker who would like to do a short film using this area and the old jail here in Mammoth. This would occur on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This would bring exposure to Mammoth. This will not be a full crew, it will only be a handful of gentlemen doing some filming.
- e. **Annie Martinez**—I am speaking on behalf of the Mammoth Little League, First is a very big Thank you to Public Works! We had Opening Ceremonies on the 9<sup>th</sup> and we were extremely

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concerned because they were needing to shut off the water. We were concerned because we had people coming in from all over Pinal County. With the help of Mayor Dietz and Don Jones we were assured that should the water not come back on in time that arrangements for bathrooms would be made, we could not have done this without the help of Public Works. The Pinal County Sheriff came out with a Photo Crew and took pictures, gave the kids signed bats, and stayed for the entire evening. We would also like to Thank our officers for their presence around the field. We had some vandalism during Opening Ceremonies, Officer Green came out a filed the report. Now at almost every game there has been an officer present. So Thanks to Our Police Department. Lastly, for the first time in a very long time Mammoth has a chance to host Tournaments. Normally, all teams who can meet the requirements have their name thrown into a hat and one is drawn to determine where the tournament is held, the larger cities are usually the ones to get picked. This year, they are going to allow one entry for every year that you have not hosted tournaments. We have not hosted a tournament since the early 90's that is a lot of entries, giving us a great chance to host the tournaments this year. This would bring in revenue from all over Pinal County. Coming into get gas, drinks, visit our restaurants and more. This would be a great opportunity for our town, both in revenues and recognition. In order for us to put our name in for consideration there are some improvements that need to be made to our field. I know Public works has been extremely busy with the water lines. Our scoreboard does not work, I have put in work orders for this. We need an electrician, we have hit up every volunteer that we have, and we have no idea. There is a short in there somewhere. We cannot really do anything because the equipment belongs to the Town of Mammoth. This is one thing that would have to be fixed. The second is the Announcer Booth, we are not putting any one up there this year. We bought a new PA System for this but we cannot use it right now, it is unsafe. Public Works did come in a fix the lower part of the booth where the children come up and sit. However, the upper booth is in great need of repair. Again this is not Little League Property and we are struggling financially as it is. If this is something the town can help with, it would be appreciated. The tournaments run almost every night for a month, and as I stated this will bring a lot of people to our town during this time.

- f. **Don Jones** requested to make a comment concerning the tournaments. Time was given by Mayor Dietz for this rebuttal. The last tournament down here we received \$200 for the field use. Public works put in about \$1000 in man hours to prepare the field. Do you see the problem here? Public works just replaced 4 toilets in the boys and girls restrooms due to them becoming clog up. This last time was a fork bent and shoved into the toilet. Also there was a boy who had his finger broke in the bathroom door. There needs to be better supervision. As for the Scoreboard, this is out of our league, we have nothing to do with it and can't fix it. My guess is that it is in the old relays. So I would advise you to do some fundraising to get this fixed. Public Works has two different grants going, and has too much going on. They don't have time to run around mowing fields and fixing bleachers. You need volunteers for this, so get as many volunteers as you can to help. These water projects that public works are doing must shut the water down from time to time. However these new valves allow us to only shut of a small area not the entire North or South side of town. With the valves already installed this last shut down did not include Little Hollywood, we were able to keep the water on there while we worked on the next area. That \$417,000 grant is now down to about \$300,000 due to everyone getting paid prior to us, such as CAG and the Engineers. Each place we put in a valve is costing about \$3000 to \$4000. The rest of the valves will eat up the balance of this. Then there is the Emergency Fund that we have not seen a dime of yet. So as you can see we really don't have the time or man power to help you, we will help all we can and as a matter of fact we have helped with the \$1000 we put into the field already, and we only got \$200 back. We can't rent the field for \$200 and spend \$1000. Let's not ask for more than we can deliver, The guys just can't deliver.
- g. **Annie Martinez**—I would like to address a couple of things here. First of all, Softball is completely separate from Little League. You have invested a lot of money, but you have invested it down here at the softball field. You guys have done nothing for the little league field. You did put in new toilets but, those have needed replaced for a long time. All the expense you have had, has been dumped into the Softball Field. With that being said, we pay for our own field maintenance, Public works does not have to do anything to our fields. We pay someone to water the fields and cut the grass. Little League is doing that. We did not ask you like softball to bring in all this dirt, due all the leveling and fix our field. You must understand that softball and Little

League are two completely different organizations. We are a national charter and are limited as to what we can and cannot do. Whereas, softball is just run by the people here in Mammoth. It is not part of any League, they do not do tournaments here, if their girls make tournament they go outside of Mammoth, they do not host tournaments because they are not tied into a national charter like Little League is. With that being said I don't think I am asking too much when I ask for the scoreboard and announcer booth to be repaired. Again these are both pieces of equipment owned by the Town of Mammoth. I just got through telling you that we have brought in volunteers and we have done the majority of the work needed to get these things done. As far as the bathrooms go you are right both Little League and Softball have had problems with bathrooms. You have a lot of children and a lot going on. The issue with the broken finger, the coach did not follow policy and allowed them to go to the restroom themselves. The wind caught the door and slammed it shut the child's finger was in there and it did get broke. Little League carries its own insurance and should the parent wish to file a claim, Little League would accept this and make payment. That is not a claim that would fall on the Town. Softball does not have their own insurance and liability would fall to the town because it is your field. So there are huge differences between Little League and Softball. So if you're going to dump \$1000 or \$2000 into a field, why not put it into a field that is going to make money. Because unlike softball we can bring people to our town and in large numbers to spend money here. Softball cannot do that for this town. So let's keep in mind that there is a separation between the repairs you do for the softball field and the repairs you do for the Little League field. You are always commenting on what you do for that field, but that is softball not little league. Please do not lump us together.

h. **Point of Order** was initiated and a reminder that this was the call to the public and only rebuttal to criticism is allowed at this time. No criticism was addressed. They may ask that a matter be set for a discussion on a future agenda. However, members of the public body may not discuss or take any action on items addressed in the call to the public.

i. **(CLOSE CALL TO THE PUBLIC)**

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **Minutes of March 21, 2019 Regular**

**Motion to Table Approval of Minutes due to not being present in the Council Packets**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Medina Second By: Councilman Bustamante**

**Item Passed Vote 6-0**

## 6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. **Councilman Bustamante**—I would like to have an item set for a future agenda discussion concerning ADOT signage on Highway 77 advertising local business as you are coming into town from the north and the south. So to get the ball rolling I am submitting this item for a future agenda at this time to start this process of getting these signs posted to promote local business. Next is that we have some properties in town that need to be addressed. Being a property owner is a responsibility and we need to enforce that responsibility. To allow a property to go downhill is to invite crime. We have opportunity to gain exposure with this film and we all pay property tax, however we need to be proactive with these properties that are not complying and enhance our Code Enforcement.
- b. **Councilwoman Medina**—**Planning and Zoning is doing a good job in this area.**
- c. **Councilman Bustamante**—**Yes and they have been able to get some of these properties cleaned up.**
- d. **Councilwoman Amparano**—**Expressed some personal dealings with a property.**
- e. **Councilwoman Martinez**—I have some news I would like to share with the Council. A few meetings ago it was brought up that the Mammoth School may be used for a town gym. Well, it was brought up at the last board meeting of the district that the Mammoth School will be up for auction. The district is struggling right now due to the loss of attendance at the San Manuel Schools. Next year they will be losing even more due to the fact that Oracle will be sending a bus for students to Mammoth in which many of the parents I have spoken with will be moving their children to Oracle. My suggestion would be that since we have an IGA with them that the Mayor and Vice Mayor go and meet with the board or Superintendent to discuss getting something on the

agenda and discuss what they might charge for us to retain that building. Retaining the building would benefit the town in several ways. They could look at reopening the school or renting it out to a charter school who could pay not only rent but upkeep as well. You could look at other uses for the buildings such as opening a gym. I also have an agenda item to request signage for our local business as well.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Staff Recommendations and Reports**
  - i. Town Clerk/Treasure Report
  - ii. Police Report –Presented by Chief Lujan
  - iii. Public Works Report
  - iv. Library Report
  - v. Planning and Zoning Report
  - vi. Town Managers Report
- b. **Account Payable for Payment and Filing**
- c. **Mayor Dietz requested that the Police Report be pulled and an oral presentation by presented.**

**Motion is to Accept Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing, less Item 7ii Police Report**

<b>Motion by: Councilman Martinez</b>	<b>Second by: Councilwoman Amparano</b>		
<b>Vote Roll Call</b>	<b>Councilwoman Martinez</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Mayor Dietz</b> <b>YES</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Medina</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Councilman Bustamante</b> <b>YES</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Amparano</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Councilman Martinez</b> <b>YES</b>
	<b>Motion is Passes Vote 6 -0</b>		

- d. **Police Report presented by Chief Lujan**—Statistical Report was given first. I wanted to be at the Opening Ceramones for the Little League but Sgt. Green was receiving his award that night and I was presenting it at the banquet. I would like to address the Planning and Zoning issue, I work with Sharon and Planning and Zoning on properties that are called into us, I take it up with Sharon and when I follow up on it she gets it written up and dealt with. Councilman Bustamante added that as these properties are getting out of control the fire risk goes up, I know that planning and zoning do their job but maybe we could put something in the paper and get a proactive start to this fire season and have residents get their properties cleaned up before a fire breaks out.

**Motion to Accept the Police Report**

**Motion by: Councilwoman Amparano** **Second by: Councilman Martinez**  
**Motion Passed 6-0**

- 8. **Mayors Proclamation the Month of April as Promise for the Future Month was moved into the Call to the Public Area as the presentation was taken at that time.**
- 9. **Presentation by National Motor Club Insurance – No Show**
- 10. **Recognition of Sgt. Green for Service Award was expressed in the Police Report.**
- 11. **Approval of Planning and Zoning Matters has been pulled from this agenda “NO MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION”**  
**Managers’ Report**—As I stated at this time we are swamped with the water situation and cannot take any requests for service other than emergencies.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Consideration and Possible Approval of Amendment to AT&T Cell Tower lease located on Town Water Storage Tank**—Lease currently at \$1150 per month, new monthly lease proposal by AT&T is for \$850 per month with a 10% increase each 5 years or Lump sum



Motion to Accept Officers as nominated  
Motion by Councilwoman Martinez                      Second by Councilman Martinez  
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

b. Approval of Bi-Laws

Motion to Approve Bi-Laws  
Motion by Councilwoman Martinez                      Second by Councilman Martinez  
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

c. Certification of Application to seek Tax Exempt Status.

Motion to accept certification of application to seek tax exempt status  
Motion by Councilman Martinez                      Second by Councilwoman Martinez  
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

4) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:45PM  
Motion by Councilman Martinez                      Second by Councilwoman Amparano  
Motion Passed Vote 6-0

Returning to Regular Meeting of the Town Council at 8:45 PM

14. Possible Executive Session- NONE

15. ADJOURN

Motion is to Adjourn this meeting at 8:30 pm  
Motion By: Councilman Martinez                      Second By: Councilwoman Amparano  
Meeting is Adjourned at 8:50 PM  
Motion passed Vote 6-0

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the Town of Mammoth Council Meeting held April 18, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

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Don Jones, Town Manager